



# Minutes

## Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting

June 12-13, 2015

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### June 12 - 13, 2015 Regular Meeting

<b>Attendance</b>	
<b><u>Commission:</u></b>	<b><u>Department Staff:</u></b>
Brad Smith, Chair	Jim Unsworth, Director
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair	Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
Miranda Wecker	Joe Shorin, AGO
Connie Mahnken	William Frymire, AGO
Bob Kehoe	Nate Pamplin
Jay Holzmilller	Dayv Lowry
Dave Graybill	Craig Burley
Kim Thorburn	Jim Scott
Jay Kehne	Steve Thiesfeld
	Ryan Lothrop
	Laurie Peterson
<b><u>Commission Staff:</u></b>	
Tami Lininger	

Eric Kinne  
Julie Sandberg  
Stephanie Simek  
Bill Falling

Guests:  
Dave Knutzen  
Vincent Bryan III  
Todd Deligan

<b><u>Public:</u></b>			
Larry Bucklin	Bruce Vandervort	Lyle Lewis	Norm Reinhardt
Mitch Friedman	Leonard Wolf	Jeanne McKnight	George Sickel
Tammie Mills	Sandra Mills	Todd Mills	Diane Gallegos
Dave Knutzen	Linda Chaves	Todd Deligan	Dan Paul
Vlad Gutman	Linda Saunders	Shawn Cantrell	Grace Stiller
Bob McCoy	Ellen Dorfman	Raina Frederickson	Paula Sweeden
Vincent Bryan III	Howard Wilson	Ken Miller	Sheena Wilson
Andy Mesojednik	Harold Brunstad	Laura Tracy	Chet O'Brien
Mic O'Brien	Don Jenkins	Heather Hansen	Ross Barkhurst
Allan Cabe	Francis Estalilla	Ray Gilbertson	Bob Mulhauser
Dale Fitzmaurice	Joe Durham	Greg Johnson	Heath Heikkila
Marlisa Dugan	Lyle Cabe	Ryen Godwin	Steve Gray
Bob Lake	Bill Osborn	John Campbell	John Rabey
Art Holman	Steve Boyer	Jean Maust	Brian Kraemer
Curt Kraemer	Steve Gacke	Norm Reinhardt	Dave Hamilton
Tim Hamilton	Kent Martin		

### Friday, June 12, 2105

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

#### **1. Call to Order**

##### **a. Commissioners' Discussion:**

- Commissioner Wecker – MOTE Marine Lab in Florida and Enforcement TV series

- Commissioner Kehne – Update on Range Rider Training

**b. Meeting Minute Approval**

May 15, 2015 – conference call

**Commissioner Thornburn moved, seconded by Commissioner Carpenter to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2015 conference call as presented. Motion passed.**

**2. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Dan Paul – cougars

Larry Bucklin – Point no Point

Vlad Gutman – Washington Wildlife Recreation Program

Norm Reinhardt – Point no Point

Mitch Friedman – cougars

Linda Saunders – cougars

Paula Sweeden – cougars and decision making practice

Bob McCoy – cougars

Grace Stiller – cougars

Ellen Dorfman – cougars

George Sickel – Brinnon area shellfish and notifications

Shawn Cantrell – WAG, Murrelets, Spotted Owls

**3. Director's Report**

The Director provided a briefing to the Commission, some of the items included:

- Wolf Management Update
- Chinook run in the Columbia River
- Coast Dungeness Crab
- Legislative and Budget Update
- Hunter Education Program – Presentation and Award to Steve Mills for the 2014 International Hunter Education Instructor of the Year.

**4. Quilcene and Dabob Bay Bottomfish Sportrules – Decision**

Dayv Lowry, Research Scientist and Craig Burley, Fish Management Division Manager, requested approval from the Commission on proposed adjustments to the recreational flatfish fisheries within the Quilcene and Dabob Bays.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved to adopt WAC 220-56-230 Bottomfish and halibut – Closed areas; and WAC 220-56-235 Possession limits – Bottomfish to allow fishing North of true east line from Turner Creek to Toandos Peninsula as proposed by staff, seconded by Commissioner Wecker. All in favor – motion passed.**

**5. Puget Sound Recreational Fisheries Enhancemet – Briefing**

Ryan Lothrop, Laurie Peterson, Norm Reinhardt, and Dave Knutzen briefed the Commission on the Puget Sound Recreational Salmon and Marine Fish Enhancement Program's current goals and objectives.

## **6. Fish Passage Technology (Whoosh System) – Briefing**

Eric Kinne, Region 5 Hatchery Reform Coordinator, Vincent Bryan III, CEO and Todd Deligan, VP Fish Transport at Whooshh Innovations provided a briefing on the utilization of the Whoosh System that is being used at the Washougal Hatchery.

## **7. Land Transactions – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

Julie Sandberg, briefed the Commission and requested approval on various land transactions.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the proposed land transactions as presented. All in favor - Motion passed.**

## **8. Wildlife Interactions – Briefing and Public Hearing**

Stephanie Simek, briefed the Commission on proposed changes to wildlife interaction rules.

The following people signed up to provide testimony:

Bruce Vandervort

Shawn Cantrell

Leonard Wolf

Howard Wilson

Ken Miller

Andy Mesojednik

Heather Hansen

## **9. Public Records and Retention Training - Briefing**

Joe Shorin and Bill Frymire provided training to the Commissioners on the legal requirements for retention and disclosure of public records.

## **10. Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Commission met in executive session to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

## **Friday, June 13, 2015**

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

## **11. Open Public Input**

The following people provided input on various topics:

Curt Kraemer – Puget Sound Steelhead

Brian Kraemer – Public policy process

Steve Gray – Handling mortality

Bill Osborn – Grays Harbor and Wynochee River

Marlisa Dugan – 14% harvest rate

## **12. Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision**

The Department provided a briefing and requested Commission action on a Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy to provide general guidance on management of salmon returning to Willapa Bay and its freshwater tributaries.

The following people provided public testimony on this item:

Curt Kraemer	Brian Kraemer	Steve Gacke	Steve Gray
Norm Reinhardt	Bob Lake	Dave Hamilton	Tim Hamilton
Ross Barkhurst	Art Holman	Joe Durham	Marlisa Dugan
Heath Heikkila	Lyle Cabe	Francis Estalilla	

**Commissioner Carpenter moved to adopt the Willapa Bay Salmon Management Policy with Fall Chinook Salmon Option E provisions; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahnken.**

**Then Commissioner Mahnken moved to amend the language in the Fall Chinook Salmon section (Option E) and Commissioner Wecker seconded.** The Commission had a lengthy conversation outlining the reasoning behind their decision. **The motion passed 6 votes to 3.**

**Commissioner Wecker moved to amend the main motion by including language edits as proposed by staff and Commissioner Carpenter seconded. The motion passed 8 votes to 1.**

**Commissioner Wecker moved to adopt the Chum Salmon Option B provisions with a modification and Commissioner Mahnken seconded. The motion passed 8 votes to 1.**

**The Chair called for the question of the main motion. The motion passed 6 votes to 3.**

## **13. Executive Session**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) the Commissioners met to review the performance of a public employee. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

## **14. Performance Agreement and Delegation of Authority – Decision**

The Director and Commissioners discussed and the Commission approved the proposed Performance Agreement Expectations and Delegation of Authority.

**Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Wecker to approve the Performance Agreement and Delegation of Authority as discussed. All were in favor - Motion passed.**

## **15. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief**

Commissioner Kehoe made a motion for two blue sheet requests:

- North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Decision on Bering Sea Halibut Bycatch  
Commissioner Wecker seconded the motion – all were in favor and the motion passed.
- Coastal Pelagic Commercial Fisheries  
Commissioner Kehne seconded the motion – all were in favor and the motion passed.

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

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Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant